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Are about as palatable to the American tongue as "backcountry" furniture is to the eye. Yet there are many people who will use both. To dispute concerning the variety of tastes is as idle as the attempt to float a "painted ship upon a painted ocean." Yet, singularly enough, even in this day of advanced thought, there are people who have discovered that cheapness is not the sole merit of the furniture they buy. They have found by experience that they can not get something for nothing, although they have demonstrated to themselves, time and again, also by experience, that they have bought at good round figures nothing for something. To avoid painful and indeed sometimes humiliating exhibitions of this sort, confine your purchases of furniture, at least, to such stores as ours, where a proper pride is taken to sell only the best grade of substantial furniture. Every year, during the four years we have been in the furniture trade, we have witnessed a growth and development in our business which, considering the "hard times" this period includes, is little short of phenomenal and is to be attributed to new business methods and an abiding faith that this community was tired of the trashy furniture that, previous to our advent in the trade in this city, was the only kind brought here; that this city would give instant recognition to our efforts to provide its people with a stock of furniture that would be creditable alike to the city and proprietors, and would furthermore be a credit to cities much larger than our own. Unceasingly and undeviatingly we have adhered to this business idea until people now recognize the fact that they can get not only the best grade of low-priced and medium-priced furniture, but can see and buy as good furniture at the best markets of this country afford. Pursuing this line of thought, we have been compelled to enlarge our business by using the storehouses, 617-619 Quincy street, where we display our finest furniture. We now occupy more floor space and carry two as large a stock as any two combined stores in this state. We attribute our growth to filling this community's demand for a first-class furniture store.

DINING ROOM FURNITURE

Requires careful consideration. Large stocks, new designs and prices to please will be eagerly sought. We are fully prepared with a big stock to meet the demand. Our line of sideboards is very large, and has never before been equalled in workmanship, style or price. Solid oak is the popular wood, and French plate mirrors, oval carvings and ample drawers and closets characterize all on our floors. We would call attention to our \$25 and \$30 sideboards that are "world beaters," we would specialize our \$35 and \$40 ones that are fine; we would list at our \$13, \$15, \$16 and \$20 sideboards that will interest anybody desiring a fair sized value for their money.

Solid oak dining tables in any required length and in more styles than we can enumerate afford opportunity for selection. Look at our \$7, \$8, \$9.50, \$10, \$11, \$12, \$13, \$14, \$15, \$16, \$17, \$18, \$19, \$20, \$21, \$22, \$23, \$24, \$25, \$26, \$27, \$28, \$29, \$30, \$31, \$32, \$33, \$34, \$35, \$36, \$37, \$38, \$39, \$40, \$41, \$42, \$43, \$44, \$45, \$46, \$47, \$48, \$49, \$50, \$51, \$52, \$53, \$54, \$55, \$56, \$57, \$58, \$59, \$60, \$61, \$62, \$63, \$64, \$65, \$66, \$67, \$68, \$69, \$70, \$71, \$72, \$73, \$74, \$75, \$76, \$77, \$78, \$79, \$80, \$81, \$82, \$83, \$84, \$85, \$86, \$87, \$88, \$89, \$90, \$91, \$92, \$93, \$94, \$95, \$96, \$97, \$98, \$99, \$100.

BUSINESS MEN

Will find the latest and most approved appliances for comfort in the new improved revolving chairs recently received. The big, splendid office chairs are just the thing, too.

JAPANESE SCREENS

And polished oak, both kinds, await inspection. Here are some:

All-Cloth Japanese Screens, 4-fold, 5 1/2 feet high, black panel, gold embroidery, \$3, worth \$10.

All-Cloth Japanese Screen, 3-fold, 5 1/2 feet high, black panel, gold embroidery, \$7.

Bamboo Screen, frame only, 6 feet high, 3-fold, very elaborate design, \$5.

Other Screens from \$2.75 to \$1.50 each.

CHAIRS

Of all kinds and varieties of patterns make the selection of something quite in accordance with your ideas a comparatively easy manner. In looking over our stock you will be surprised not merely at the large number, but the presence and prevalence of entirely new designs never before shown in any store, because never manufactured before this season. The other day a lady said: "I have been in every store both sides of the avenue, but none of them have the quantities and styles you have." The interesting part is the combination of low prices and picturesque designs, from \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$11.

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MONEY THE QUESTION

Discussion of the Committees in Fifty-fourth Congress.

Finance Committee Will Probably be Most Important.

MAY HAVE A POLICY.

If Reed is Speaker He May Boom His Own Plan.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The house committees which are expected to be of the greatest importance in the next congress are those on the ways and means, appropriations, rules, banking and currency, coinage, weights and measures, rivers and harbors and public buildings and grounds. The first three named always head the list in order of importance. The others are expected to assume importance in the next congress, because of the especial condition which will prevail during that congress.

The banking committee will certainly be one of the most important committees on the list, if there should be an effort, as is hinted, there may be, to revise the currency laws and change the present system. Such legislation as this would lift the committee dealing with it from its present place of insignificance and place it for the time alongside the ways and means committee. The probability of an effort to secure silver legislation, and the probability that the Republican party, when it comes into power in the house, will want to formulate a policy on this question, will have the effect also of advancing the coinage committee to a position of first rank.

Of the six present Republican members of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, five have been re-elected to the Fifty-fourth congress. They are in the order named: Stone of Pennsylvania, Johnson of North Dakota, Dingley of Maine, Hager of Iowa and Aldrich of Illinois. Mr. Stone would naturally become chairman of the committee, but it is suggested that in case of Mr. Reed's becoming speaker he might have a personal policy which would refer to silver which he would want to pursue, and in that event might want Mr. Dingley of his own state as the leader of this committee.

FATE OF THE POP GUN BILLS.

Caucus of Democratic Senators Will Be Called to Consider Them.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Democratic senators who are at present in the city decline almost without exception to discuss the probable plans of the Democratic leaders in the senate with reference to the supplemental tariff bills at the forthcoming session of congress. The majority of them content themselves with saying that they have had no opportunity for party conference, and they do not wish at this time to express personal opinions. It would seem probable from this that a general Democratic conference among the party members in the senate is among the strong probabilities, soon after the convening of the next session for the purpose of determining this point.

A BLOODY BATTLE.

Two Men Mortally Wounded in a Fight at Owensboro, Ky.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Nov. 19.—A bloody battle was fought here yesterday, in which John Ashby, an ex-policeman, and Jack Heverin, a grocer and saloonist, were mortally wounded and a policeman wounded. Heverin had told Ashby and his gang to stop dancing in his place on Sunday. They had frightened some of the women in a disreputable house by a sham fight. One of the women ran to Heverin's with the story that a man was out to pieces. Eugene Heverin heard them laughing and assured her that the men were only shamming. Just then Ashby, from behind a tree, attacked Heverin with a club. Heverin ran into the house and he and his brother appealed to two policemen who appeared for protection. When Ashby came up they asked him what he wanted. Ashby drew a revolver and fired at Jack Heverin. Immediately seven pistols were drawn and a perfect fusillade followed. Nineteen shots were fired. Ashby fell with a ball in his right breast and is now dying.

Heverin fell with a bullet in his left breast, one in the left arm and one finger was shot off. He cannot live. Officer Stuart received a ball in his leg. All parties implicated, of which there are about eleven, are of prominent families.

Conference of the Bimetallist League.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The executive committee of the American Bimetallist league has called a conference at St. Louis for November 22, at which the present situation will be fully discussed and the policy to be hereafter pursued by the friends of free coinage of silver be decided upon.

Breckinridge to Lecture.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 19.—C. D. Hess, in an interview, said that the report that he had contracted with Col. W. C. F. Breckinridge for a lecture tour was true and that the colonel would begin at once. His first subject will be "Ten Years Among the Tariff Reformers."

Met Death in a Wreck.

CROWLEY, Ia., Nov. 19.—A successful attempt at train wrecking was perpetrated last night on the branch road four miles south of Boone. The obstruction caused the engine, baggage car and passenger coach to turn over. Fireman S. Geiger was killed and Engineer Joseph Maulden seriously injured.

Read the "State Journal" if you are interested as news items. See if it is not so.

FACTS ABOUT ALASKA.

Annual Report of the Governor of That Far-Away Country.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—James S. Hensley, governor of Alaska, has submitted his annual report to the secretary of the interior upon the general conditions of the territory. He says:

"Notwithstanding the unfavorable climatic condition of the spring and early summer months, many new enterprises were entered upon and old ones completed.

"The fisheries have been successful, the mines have yielded profitable returns, the population has been largely augmented by immigration and the people have enjoyed a season of unusual progress and prosperity.

"The building of sawmills and the manufacturing of lumber in the territory have been nationalizing. The progress of the manner of constructing habitations in all villages.

"The leading trait in the character of the Alaska native is imitiveness. Being possessed of considerable mechanical skill and willing to work, they purchased lumber to erect modern houses. Some of them are built in an original style of architecture and painted in colors of barbaric style, but are comfortable to live in and indicate the progress they have made toward civilization. They have also much improved in the way of preparing and wearing clothing. The progress of the missionary is visible in all parts of South-eastern Alaska and they deserve the commendation of all for the good they have accomplished among these native people."

He estimates the population at about 35,000. The 510-run reindeer experiment he thinks will prove successful. Good progress is made in education.

Considerable trouble has been experienced in preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors. He says that Alaska has a total of 4,000 and 20,000 miles of shore line and two revenue officers have serious difficulty in preventing smuggling.

The patrol of Behring sea has not prevented poaching.

The Alaskan Treadwell Gold Mining company has made a net profit of \$14,000. This is the largest quartz mill in America, it having 240 stamps.

FUNERAL OF CON RIORDAN.

The Victim of Fitzsimmons' Deadly Night Buried at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 19.—The funeral of Con Riordan, who died Saturday morning, after having been knocked out by Bob Fitzsimmons on Friday night at the Grand opera house in this city, was held yesterday at the undertaking rooms of James Mullin & Son. It was attended by the members of the Fitzsimmons variety company and a large number of sporting men. The services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Durston, secretary of the local M. C. A. A. The pallbearers were Fitzsimmons, Joe Dunfee, "Yank" Sullivan, Dick Whittle, Edward Forest and Captain Glori, manager of the Fitzsimmons company. At the conclusion of the services, the body was taken to the vault at Onondaga.

Lawyer Emanuel Friend, Fitzsimmons' counsel, says that in his opinion it would take expert testimony to get at the exact cause of Riordan's death. He felt sure that Fitzsimmons would be indicted and tried for manslaughter, but would be acquitted.

Corbett's Liberal Offer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Corbett telegraphed Bob Fitzsimmons last night offering Long Bob financial aid, if needed, in his present trouble and giving the Australian permission to draw down and use half of his fortune for party conference, and they do not wish at this time to express personal opinions. It would seem probable from this that a general Democratic conference among the party members in the senate is among the strong probabilities, soon after the convening of the next session for the purpose of determining this point.

Fitzsimmons' Put on Bail.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Fitzsimmons was released on \$10,000 bail to answer the charge of manslaughter in the first degree for causing the death of Con Riordan, his sparring partner.

Want the Names of Survivors.

MONTICELLO, Ill., Nov. 19.—The Shiloh battlefield association desires the names and post-office addresses of all survivors of the battle. The secretary has the names of over 10,000 of the survivors and when all are in a complete roster will be printed. The Shiloh battlefield bill, which is now before congress, will undoubtedly be passed at the next session and the battlefield be made a great national memorial park.

A grand reunion and national encampment of the survivors of that battle, who served in the old army of Tennessee, the Ohio and Mississippi, will be held on the battlefield April 3 to 12, 1895. All names should be sent to E. T. Lee, secretary of the Shiloh Battlefield association, Monticello, Ill.

Will Try a Warmer Climate.

EMPOURA, Kan., Nov. 19.—A caravan consisting of sixteen covered wagons, with numerous led horses, passed through this city yesterday. About fifty persons, male and female, constituted the party, which hailed from Clay county, this state, and it is their intention to locate somewhere in the state of Mississippi. W. E. Barnes, formerly of Company G, Forty-fifth Illinois volunteers, and J. R. Chaffee, Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Indiana, are the leaders. They are prosperous farmers as well as old soldiers, as are also the other men of the party. They have rented their farms in Clay county and go down South to see if they cannot locate in a warmer climate.

Have Meyer to Buy Alix.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—H. O. Havemeyer has practically made arrangements to buy Alix, the trotting queen. The price to be paid is \$30,000.

Japan Will Make Some Demands.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Japan will demand the right to occupy Mowden and Port Arthur before entering into negotiations for peace with China.

A Noted Editor Dead.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—M. Francis Magnard, editor-in-chief of the Figaro, is dead. He was 58 years of age.

THE HATE OF TURKS.

They Kill Two Thousand More of the Armenians.

The Bodies Are Left Unburied Which Causes Cholera.

MANY CHRISTIANS FLY

Civilized Nations Are Entreated to Render Them Help.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—A dispatch to the Times from Vienna says a letter has been received there from Smyrna reporting that Zeki Pasha, a Turkish marshal, with a detachment of nizams and a field battery, massacred 2,000 Armenians at Sassum. The bodies of the dead were left unburied and their presence has caused an outbreak of cholera. Many Christians are reported to have fled by secret paths across the Russian frontier.

So far there has been no official confirmation of this news, but if it is true it is time the powers share in the responsibility by their failure to enforce article 61 of the Berlin treaty, which imposes on them the duty of seeing the ports taken measures to protect Armenians. The latter declare they hope for nothing from Europe, but that they still have confidence in Great Britain. Numerous appeals have been made by the Armenians to the foreign office. The last appeal received says the Armenians do not wish to see more of their territory annexed by the Russians, but if Great Britain is unable to help them they will be compelled to look to Russia, under whose yoke they would be better off than under the yoke of Turkey.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the energetic action of Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador to Turkey, has caused consternation among the members of the Turkish government. Everything has been done to keep secret the facts of the outrage. Information from various sources tends to prove that the Sassum affair was most serious.

Strong Men Wept Like Babies.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Men cried like children at the meeting of the Armenians at Meyer's hall. Milwaukee and Chicago avenues, last night when the story of the atrocities of the Turks was retold. The listeners burst into sobs and buried their faces in their hands. Some were there who may have lost sisters, brothers and parents in the recent slaughter of Christians by the Kurds. Pithy appeals were sent up for the Christian people of the world to take cognizance of the dreadful persecution of the Armenians.

New York Armenians Protest.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Nearly 500 Armenians assembled here Saturday night to protest against the atrocities committed by the Turks at Sassum, Armenia, where thousands of Christian men, women and children were massacred. A petition was wired to Czar Nicholas, Queen Victoria, Emperor William and President Cleveland to aid in settling the trouble.

HAD A GLORIOUS TIME.

Cowboys Capture a Train in the Territory and Get Very Drunk.

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 19.—The conductor on the Wagner sleeper, Nevada, which came in from Galveston on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway yesterday morning, related an experience passengers had while passing through the Indian territory which none of them will ever forget.

The train was boarded at a small station by about a dozen men who looked like cowboys. They marched through the train intimidating passengers until finally they came to the Wagner sleeper. There they demanded whisky, but were told that none was aboard, the porter wishing to deceive them, as it is against the law to sell liquor in the territory. The porter was commanded to open the buffet. He refused and the cowboys said they would blow it open. Before they could execute their threat the porter prevailed upon them to take seats in the smoking room. There they drank all the whisky in stock, paying \$19 for it. They were now hilariously drunk and looking for trouble. Pulling their pistols they declared their intention of shooting out all the lights. Women screamed and the male passengers grew nervous. The cowboys were persuaded to put up their guns, and they got off at the next station with their costly jag.

St. Louis Election Frauds.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 19.—Eight of the most prominent citizens of St. Louis, four Democrats and four Republicans, have been appointed a committee to conduct a thorough investigation of the charges of fraud at the recent election. Governor Stone will also take part in the investigation.

Cherokee Bill Done For.

MUSKOGEE, Ind. Ter., Nov. 19.—Deputy Marshal McGill and posse had a fight Saturday with three of the Cook gang. One marshal was wounded, Cherokee Bill fatally shot, and the other two of the gang arrested. Cherokee Bill is one of the leaders of the gang.

A Princess Is Dead.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Princess Claudine of Teck, sister of the Duke of Teck, and aunt of the duchess of York, died suddenly yesterday at Graz, Austria. Princess Claudine was born February 11, 1836.

Beggs' Little Giant Pills.

Are the most complete pill on the market, besides being the cheapest, as one pill is a dose, and forty doses in each bottle. Every pill guaranteed to give satisfaction by W. R. Beggs.

Fine work at Topeka Steam Laundry.

Boys \$2 Wearwell Shoe at Furm's

MANY PEOPLE PERISH.

The Earthquakes in Sicily and Italy Worse Than Reported.

ROME, Nov. 19.—The earthquakes in Sicily and Southern Italy caused considerable damage to the telegraph lines and details of the phenomena are coming to hand slowly. It is known, however, the province of Reggio di Calabria suffered the severest damage by the seismic disturbances. Little damage was done in Reggio, the capital of the province, but there was great loss of life and much property damage elsewhere in the province. The village of Sac Procopio, near Palmi, was almost entirely destroyed. Here sixty persons were killed. Forty-seven of these met their death in a church, to which they fled for refuge. Their bodies are still in the ruins.

A MACHINE NO USE.

BETTER TO KEEP A RIFLE HANDY WHILE JIM BOLTON LIVES.

AN ENGINEER'S NERVE.

It Saves His Train From Being Held Up by a Band of Highwaymen.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 19.—Shortly after midnight yesterday morning an attempt to hold up passenger train No. 5 on the Yazoo and Mississippi river at Panther Run, Miss., was balked by the coolness of Engineer F. A. Honer. Panther run is a small station. Soon after nightfall a half-dozen strange men entered the hamlet and hung around for an hour or two. Then they disappeared and were not seen again until the train had stopped and was starting out, when one of them appeared on the track ahead, signaling the engineer to stop. Engineer Honer pulled out the throttle and sent the train through. As it passed the signal light a half-dozen unmasked men stood there, revolvers in hand, and all took shots at the locomotive cab. Fireman Cole received a bullet through the arm and is seriously wounded. The men were evidently new at the business.

Trans-Mississippi Congress.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 19.—Arrangements have been practically completed for the trans-Mississippi congress, which will meet here on the 25th inst. to discuss the rail states, and all questions which may affect the interests of the people in the territory lying west of the Mississippi river and which may be the subject of legislation by the United States congress and to express to it, through resolutions and otherwise, the sentiments of the Western people.

Another Appeal for Soldiers.

MUSKOGEE, Ind. Ter., Nov. 19.—In response to a petition of numerous citizens of the place United States Attorney Jackson will wire Attorney General Olney requesting him to have the war department station a troop of cavalry in Muskogee. The attorney general has indicated that if soldiers are not distasteful to the citizens here they will be furnished.

Disastrous Fire at Houston.

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 19.—Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed a brick business house in the heart of the city. A disastrous conflagration was narrowly averted. Loss on stock of goods in the building, etc., \$50,000; total insurance, \$37,000. Another fire at the same time wrecked a boarding house. Loss, \$3,500; no insurance.

More Civil Service Extension.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—An executive order extending the civil service rules to the internal revenue service thereby placing thousands of government employees on a permanent tenure of office, will be issued by the president within a week. Only collectors will be excluded from its operation.

Waite Will Lecture.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 19.—Governor Waite has decided to go upon the lecture platform. He will make a short tour in the West before his term expires, delivering his first lecture in St. Louis November 19 and 20, going from there to Chicago. After his term expires he will lecture in the East.

General Gibson's End Near.

TIFFIN, Ohio, Nov. 19.—The condition of General Gibson became much more critical last night, and it is evident the end is near. He can no longer talk above a whisper, and even that exertion tires him so he seldom attempts it.

Died at the Supper Table.

EMPORIA, Kan., Nov. 19.—Lee Randolph, while seated at supper last evening in the Clinton hotel here, suddenly expired. He was a marble cutter and had been here since November 6. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death.

Arrival of George R. Peck and Family.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—George R. Peck and family arrived here yesterday from Germany. Mrs. Peck is in better health than when she sailed, though the voyage was very rough. She is, however, still very ill, but may recover.

General Ives Goes to New York.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—General Nelson A. Miles left the city yesterday for New York, where he will assume command of the department of the East.

Ives Defeats Schaefer.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The billiard match between Frank C. Ives and Jacob Schaefer ended Saturday night, Ives winning by a score of 3,600 to 3,074.

St. Louis Flour Mills Close Down.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 19.—The majority of the large flouring mills here have closed, the millers claim because of the congestion of the market.

Hastings' Official Plurality 241,397.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 19.—The official returns show Hastings' plurality over Singery to be 241,397.

FIREFLIES

Fitting, fitting, fitting
In phosphorescent ranks,
Blushing the willows
Along the river's banks.

Fitting, fitting, fitting
With meteoric gleam,
Flashing o'er the shallows,
Fading like a dream.

Fitting, fitting, fitting
Ye fairies of the night,
Purple shadows charming
With your lantern's light!

Fitting through the masses
Of the moonlit haze,
Vanishing in darkness
Jewel laden fays!

Ah, the lovely lesson
Which we mortals gleam!
Dwell we 'mong the shadows,
Yet our light is seen.

—Mrs. D. E. Foster-Horton in Minneapolis Housekeeper.

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One day, stopping at a house for dinner in the Kentucky mountains, I listened to an agent trying to sell the head of the establishment a sewing machine.

"Now, look here," said the agent, "you ought to do something to help your wife, oughtn't you?"

"She ain't objectin to my style, I reckon," said the mountaineer.

"That's because she's a good, kind, uncomplicated sort of a woman, and it is the very reason why you should do those little things for her."

"But I can't afford it," protested the mountaineer.

"Afford it nothing!" exclaimed the agent. "You could afford to buy that Winchester sitting by the door, couldn't you?"

"Yes," he said, laying it across his lap, "but I need it."

"Not so much as your wife needs a sewing machine."

"More, I reckon."

"Of course that isn't so. How could you? Now, I tell you what I'll do. If you will buy a machine for your wife, I'll take the gun as part pay."

"I reckon now."

"Call your wife out here and ask her what she thinks about it. I'll bet a hat she'll jump at the chance for such an exchange."

The mountaineer smiled and called the "old woman" out. He stated the proposition to her, and the agent began to feel sure of victory.

"If Jim Bolton wasn't livin, we might," she said after a moment's thought.

"What's he got to do with it?" asked the agent in a provoked tone.

"A heap sight. You see, she went on, 'my old man and Jim ain't on good terms. That's why he got the Winchester. Now, ef Jim knowed we only had a sewin machine, it wouldn't be no time till I was a widder, an I reckon I'll do my sewin by hand. S'pose you come round after Jim's fixed,' and the agent gave it up and agreed to come round after James had been disposed of.—Atlanta Constitution.

An Economical Steam Engine.

A few years ago an old beam engine, built by James Watt, which had been doing regular daily work for 102 years, was taken down and replaced by a modern engine. The engine was originally a 35 horsepower engine and was erected in 1798. In 1795 some alterations were made to enable it to work to 70 horsepower. It had a 24 inch cylinder, a 6 foot stroke and sun and planet motion. It worked at 22 1/2 revolutions, or 270 feet of piston speed, per minute. In 1876 it was tested by Mr. M. Leitch, when, with a steam pressure of five pounds per square inch, it indicated 48.72 horsepower, with an expenditure of coal of 4.50 pounds per indicated horsepower per hour. Only the best modern engines with the same condition of loading would work with two pounds of coal per indicated horsepower per hour. One is in doubt whether to be surprised that after a century of endeavor to improve the economy of steam engine working, the progress is so small, or to be proud that so much has been achieved.—Professor W. C. Unwin in Cassier's Magazine.

The Dreamy Nightjar.

Few British birds, indeed, show higher and closer adaptation to special conditions than our dreamy nightjars, essential insect hawkers of the dusk on open and treeless uplands. Their large and mysterious eyes, their gaping mouths, their straining fringes of bristles, their delicate owl-like plumage, their swift and silent flight, their agile movements, their eerie cry, their curious, loveless nature—all mark them out as marvelously modified nocturnal variants on the general type of the swifts and trogons.

They are, in fact, specialized descendants of the same primitive ancestral form, whose bodies and souls have undergone weird and beautiful changes in adaptation to a wild and poetical life in the shades of dusk on the unpeopled moorland, for birds of twilight have always passionate cries and passionate natures. Not accident alone has given us the whistling and the midnight song.—English Illustrated Magazine.

Not Surprising.

A young woman, lately returned from Europe, was talking with a friend about her experiences. If she is correctly reported by the Boston Transcript it must be admitted that a foreign tour is not of necessity a liberal education.

She was telling about the wonderful smoothness and pleasantness of the homeward voyage.

"It is a little surprising that you should have had clear weather and nothing else," remarked her friend, who felt